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### Interview Summary

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Matthew J. Smith

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Matthew J. Smith, examiner.

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(2) Matthew W. Witsil, attorney.

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Date of Interview: 14 January 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 8, 12, 32, and 33.

Identification of prior art discussed: 5633079 (Loeffler et al.), 6640516 (Thompson), 1867194 (Taylor), 876399 (Robinson).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Witsil contacted Examiner Smith to discuss the independent claims. Amending the claims to point out the lack of apertures to minimize the transfer of force and/or heat was discussed. Examiner Smith agreed to rejoin claims 4, 7, and 11-31.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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